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Subject: My Comments

This is Stephen Lucas, just a simple computer user, a real estate broker, without ties to the companies involved, and I am voicing my complaint about one issue in the Microsoft lawsuit pertaining to alleged damages to Netscape.

I remember when Netscape went public with it's IPO, and that was the first time I learned what this internet thing was about and how to access it. The problem was that Netscape was charging the public for software to access the internet, up to \$40. Later, Microsoft came out with a free browser, Internet Explorer, which was distributed with my new computer and was available free through a MSN CD-rom received in the mail. As a consumer, Microsoft did me and millions of other consumers a lot of justice, of distributing this free browser. This is not a crime. Netscape deserved to lose business for gouging the public with their monopoly browser at the time. Leave free market capitalism alone, and dismiss this frivolous law suit. The cost of this lawsuit will only be passed on to us consumers.